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18 November 1969

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Interdepartmental Group Meeting --  
Taiwan

PARTICIPANTS: State: Mr. John Stevenson  
Ambassador McClintock  
Ambassador McConaughy  
Ambassador Brown  
Mr. Thomas Shoesmith  
Mr. Futterman

White House: Mr. Mullenhoff

AID: Mr. William Templeton

DOD: Mr. Stewart French  
Mr. Peter Knaur

NSA:

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CIA:

Witnesses: Admiral Chew  
Colonel Tweedie  
General Ciccolella

TIME AND PLACE: 1400 hours, Room 7519, Department of State

1. This meeting was held to review the preparations of materials for the Taiwan hearings. We received two papers: an outline for Ambassador McConaughy's statement prepared by [redacted] and a copy of Senator Symington's [redacted] letter to Secretary of State Rogers dated 7 November which [redacted]

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attaches the same Subcommittee questions contained in the Subcommittee letter to Secretary Laird of 4 November 1969. These papers are attached.

2. Ambassador McClintock introduced Mr. John Stevenson as the new chairman of the Interagency Committee. McClintock stated that he had been removed from his position as chairman because it had been decided "he was vulnerable to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee." There was discussion about whether to prepare an omnibus statement or let individual witnesses submit individual statements. The Sub committee had apparently informed State that they did not wish omnibus statements. Stu French objected to this and after some argument it was agreed that the Taiwan presentation would be in omnibus form.

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3. Chairman Stevenson then asked about matters bearing on intelligence problems. [redacted] of NSA reminded the chairman of the NSA formula and advised the chairman that NSA was prepared to talk to certain intelligence questions on Taiwan.

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[redacted] Ambassador Brown asked if this matter was being coordinated with CIA and I assured him that it had been.

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4. At this point, [redacted] stated the CIA position; the Director has not been asked to testify; no questions have been addressed to CIA and, therefore, we do not expect to be involved in the Taiwan hearings. Ambassador Brown immediately asked how the question posed by the Subcommittee concerning United States support to GRC propaganda efforts should be handled. After some discussion, the following formula was adopted. When this question is asked by Senator Symington or by counsel, Ambassador McConaughy will give the answer prepared by the Mission. This answer discusses those relatively insignificant activities undertaken by the Embassy, USIA and the Defense Attachés. [redacted]

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5. Mr. Stevenson then discussed the McClintock memorandum on White House ground rules for testimony in the oft-debated matter of executive privilege. Stevenson then reviewed the policy issues outlined on page 2 of the State Department outline. It was agreed that:



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B. Presidential correspondence. It was agreed that any reference to Presidential correspondence would need prior clearance by the White House.



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D. The Mongolian recognition question. Ambassador McConaughy stubbornly made the point that no decision had ever been reached to recognize Mongolia. It was finally agreed that the Ambassador would say that this matter was still under review.

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Deputy Chief, Far East Division

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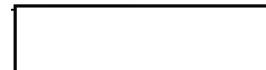
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